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Ms. Christine T. Whitman
Administrator, U.S. EPA
P.O. Box 1473
Merrifield, VA 22116

RE: Chemical Right-to-Know Program - Assessment Plan and Robust Summaries for
the Acetic Acid and Salts Category, Registration Number

Dear Administrator Whitman:

The American Chemistry Council Acetic Acid and Salts Panel¹ (Panel) would like to inform the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that it is reviewing and responding to EPA's comments on the Panel's assessment plan report and robust summaries for the Acetic Acid and Salts Category, provided under the EPA High Production Volume (HPV) Chemical Challenge Program. The Panel's assessment plan report and robust summaries were submitted to EPA on June 28, 2001.

EPA's comments were sent to the Panel on April 18, 2002. The Panel is planning to provide a formal written response to EPA's comments on the assessment plan report and robust summaries by the end of 2002.

If you have any questions regarding these matters, please contact Laurie Miller, the Panel Manager. She can be reached at 703-741-5611 (telephone), 703-741-6091 (telefax) or <laurie_miller@americanchemistry.com>(email).

Sincerely yours, _____

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